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SUBJ: GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. GOI CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS (ISTAT) AS WELL AS
MINISTRY OF FINANCE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE IM-
PORTS OF SENSITIVE PRODUCTS FROM GSP BENEFICIARIES INFORM US
THAT BREAKDOWN ITALIAN IMPORTS FROM GSP BENEFICIARIES ALONG LINES
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TREATMENT) NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AS FOREIGN TRADE DATA COMPUTER

SYSTEM NOT SO PROGRAMMED. FINANCE MINISTRY DOES, HOWEVER, MONITOR AND REPORT TO EC ON MONTHLY BASIS DATA ON ITALIAN IMPORTS OF COMMODITIES DETERMINED BY COMMUNITY TO BE "SENSITIVE" AND "QUASI SENSITIVE."

2. EMBASSY CONSEQUENTLY ONLY ABLE TO DEVELOP FOLLOWING GENERAL INFORMATION AND DATA REGARDING EFFECT GSP SYSTEM UPON ITALY. TOTAL 1972 ITALIAN IMPORTS FROM GSP BENEFICIARIES AMOUNTED TO \$4.5 BILLION, 23 PERCENT OF WORLD-WIDE ITALIAN IMPORTS TOTALING \$19.3 BILLION. PRINCIPAL GSP BENEFICIARY SUPPLIERS TO ITALY ARE AS FOLLOWS: SAUDI ARABIA (\$581.3 MILLION); LIBYA (\$485.3 MILLION); YUGOSLAVIA (\$378.9 MILLION); IRAN (\$374.9 MILLION); KUWAIT (\$302.7 MILLION); ARGENTINA (\$276.9 MILLION); IRAQ (\$262.2 MILLION); BRAZIL (\$258.3 MILLION). CRUDE OIL ACCOUNTS FOR OVERWHELMING SHARE OF ABOVE IMPORTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, LIBYA, IRAN, KUWAIT AND IRAQ. YUGOSLAVIA, BY REASON OF ITS GEOGRAPHICAL PROXIMITY HAS TRADITIONALLY HAD IMPORTANT TRADE TIES WITH ITALY; ITS MAIN EXPORTS TO ITALY IN 1972 WERE FRESH FROZEN MEAT, LIVE CATTLE, WOOD, LAMINATED IRON AND STEEL, AND COPPER. ARGENTINA'S AND BRAZIL'S IMPORTANCE RESULTS FROM THEIR LONG-STANDING COMMERCIAL AND ETHNIC TIES WITH ITALY. PRINCIPAL ARGENTINE EXPORTS TO ITALY IN 1972 CONSISTED OF CORN, FRESH AND FROZEN MEAT, WHEAT, ANIMAL SKINS, WHEREAS THOSE FROM BRAZIL WERE COFFEE, FRESH AND FROZEN MEAT, OIL SEEDS, IRON MINERALS AND OIL CAKES.

3. REGARDING EC LIST OF "SENSITIVE" ITEMS SUBJECT TO QUOTA, ITALIAN QUOTAS HAVE BEEN MOST CONSISTENTLY FILLED BY YUGOSLAVIA (31 SENSITIVE ITEMS), SOUTH KOREA (29 ITEMS), INDIA (18 ITEMS), AND BRAZIL (7 ITEMS). (THIS DATA IS FOR SECOND HALF 1971).
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